

Exhibit A

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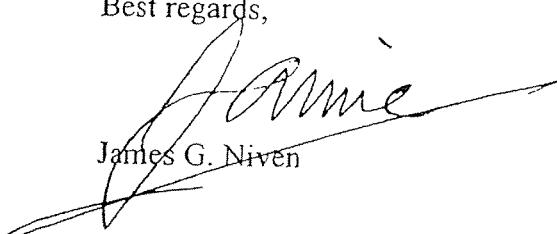
Dear Courtney,

Please find enclosed our brief proposal with auction estimates for your paintings.
As I said, we would be more than happy to sit down with you and discuss our doing more work for you on a purely gratis basis (old friends are good for something!).

And finally, should you wish to raise money for the Ross School and have a charity auction as part of that process I would be happy to help you accomplish that.

Let's try and get together soon

Best regards,



James G. Niven

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Please remember that these numbers are estimates and we can chat about them when we get together.

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